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the Clerk to scratch those numbers off if they desire to be present. And then we can proceed with those which are not scratched, if they are any left, and attempt to pass them.....

SENATOR PROUD: Then, you're suggesting I prepare a list of non-controversial bills to be put at the head of General File and let the committees cross any of those off they want to.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The committees that will not be here because of being in session as a committee.

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, I would be glad to do that if that's the desire of the Body.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, just one brief remark. It would be a fine thing if everybody could know the content of every bill. We have LB997 which is a minor appropriation bill that I have enough amendments which I think are desirable. You look at the budget bill, it doesn't say anything, and I don't say anything against the Budget Committee. I'm just saying what it reflects. It doesn't give you any information at all. You buy it more or less blindly. Now, this is an important bill. If you did what I think you ought to do and what Senator Proud indicates, we wouldn't get rid of that bill this week. So let's be practical. We all know that there's many bills because of the committee action and because of the only desire to attempt to do the right thing. Let me tell you, when a bill gets from General File to final reading, not because we know or don't know, the people outside who are affected, they know. And they'll be in on our backs if the bill's really bad. They may not like it but it won't be a bad bill. We don't pass many bad bills.

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Carpenter, I would like to make this observation. I will see that that is done if that is the desire of the Body. However, I want to point out to the Body which many of you undoubtedly already understand, the danger in a non-controversial list. There is nobody in this Body, in my judgment, that can be sure that a bill is non-controversial. Secondly, the person that prepares the list is under an almost intolerable burden in that that list you can maneuver....it depends on who is making the list out whether a bill is non-controversial or not. And what I will do, if that's what you decide to do, I will delegate Dr. Rodgers to make up the list and I want to point this out. Let's say that the list does contain actual non-controversial bills. Now, the minute those babies come up to be heard before this Body, anybody has the right to put on an amendment. And it may be the most controversial thing in the world. Well, you say it's controversial, then somebody will recognize it. Don't be too sure about that because with a number of members absent in committee hearing, nobody may catch it. And, so this has some dangers but if that's the judgment of the Body, I'll have that list prepared.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the motion. Let's stay here and take them as they come. Let's understand, I'll do the best I can to make you understand them.

PRESIDENT: All right, now. Senator Syas has asked to speak and then Senator Nore and then Senator Duis. Senator Syas. Passing? Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We still have the motion which is only that we go into session, all day sessions Wednesday, that's the only issue before the Body.

SENATOR NORE: Yes, members. I wonder if we have forgotten the intent of this interim session. I think the people voted for an